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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION MARCH 1988 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

CERTAIN TEXAS AREA ESTIMATES DECERTIFIED

Due to budget cuts mandated by the United States Congress, the nonagricultural wage and salary employment series for the Odessa, Tyler and Victoria Metropolitan Statistical Areas will no longer be certified as official estimates of the Texas Employment Commission-U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Cooperative Program. These data will, therefore, no longer appear in such BLS publications as the monthly Employment and Earnings publication and the annual update of the Employment, Hours and Earnings, States and Areas publication.

For the time being, estimates for these areas will continue to be prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission and will be published in the Texas Labor Market Review. Civilian labor force estimates for all Texas areas will continue to be certified and will appear in appropriate BLS publications.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	119,942.0	119,742.0	117,967.0
Unemployment	7,482.0	7,603.0	8,503.0
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.3	7.2
Total Employment	112,460.0	112,139.0	109,464.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	121,347.0	121,175.0	119,230.0
Unemployment	6,938.0	7,046.0	7,886.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.8	6.6
Total Employment	114,409.0	114,129.0	111,344.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,210.2	8,161.7	8,136.2
Unemployment	717.7	682.5	750.3
Percent Unemployed	8.7	8.4	9.2
Total Employment	7,492.5	7,479.2	7,385.9
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,306.0	8,255.0	8,231.0
Unemployment	696.0	660.0	728.0
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.0	8.8
Total Employment	7,610.0	7,595.0	7,503.0

It is hoped that through careful management of available resources, it will be possible to continue to generate and release data for all Texas areas. Additional potential budgetary reductions, however, may require a further review of resources available for the production of various types of labor market information for Texas labor areas.

TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES MODERATELY IN FEBRUARY

The Statewide actual rate climbed slightly over the month, from 8.4 percent in January to 8.7 percent in February, as 35,200 Texans were added to the ranks of the jobless, bringing total unemployment to 717,700 in mid-February. Most of the increase in unemployment over the month was due to seasonal factors, primarily the entrance into the labor force of mid-year graduates. Further layoffs of people hired for the Christmas season also added to the increase, and bad weather in many parts of the State curtailed outdoor activities such as construction and agricultural work. Although the actual unemployment rate rose in February, it was

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb.'88*	Jan.'88**	Feb.'87**	Feb.'88*	Jan.'88**	Feb.'87**	Feb.'88*	Jan.'88**	Feb.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,000	49,100	49,000	77,600	77,900	76,900	351,200	349,900	355,500
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,500	9,900	9,800	9,700	39,200	39,300	39,600
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,200	1,300	1,300	1,400	800	800	800
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,400	3,500	3,600	3,500	15,600	16,000	17,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,600	5,800	5,700	5,700	10,800	10,700	11,000
Trade	13,400	13,600	13,400	22,300	22,600	22,100	77,600	78,100	77,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,600	4,500	4,500	4,600	24,700	24,700	25,200
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,100	13,000	16,000	16,000	15,900	83,500	83,100	84,100
Government	8,700	8,700	8,300	14,300	14,400	14,000	99,000	97,200	99,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	126,200	127,200	129,500	57,300	57,300	56,400	66,200	66,200	64,600
Manufacturing	23,800	25,100	24,500	15,500	15,600	15,400	10,100	10,200	9,600
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,600	1,900	1,900	1,800	--	--	--
Construction	7,400	7,400	9,200	5,600	5,700	5,500	2,100	2,100	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,600	10,100	2,300	2,300	2,400	3,100	3,000	2,800
Trade	31,000	31,000	31,100	11,000	11,000	10,800	17,000	17,300	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,200	5,300	5,100	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,500	3,500	3,400
Services & Misc.	27,400	27,300	27,700	7,900	7,900	7,400	13,900	13,900	12,900
Government	20,400	20,100	20,200	11,100	10,900	11,100	16,500	16,200	16,300
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,000	44,800	47,100	124,600	124,200	123,200	1,325.5	1,325.1	1,319.0
Manufacturing	3,200	3,100	3,000	11,400	11,200	11,700	222.1	221.7	219.8
Mining	600	700	600	3,800	3,800	4,600	18.1	18.1	19.4
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900	5,900	5,900	7,000	54.6	54.3	65.5
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	6,800	6,900	6,900	90.0	89.5	88.1
Trade	9,400	9,100	10,100	32,100	32,100	31,200	345.2	346.3	345.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	7,000	7,000	6,700	128.9	130.4	132.6
Services & Misc.	8,500	8,200	7,800	29,400	29,300	27,700	316.5	314.5	299.5
Government	21,000	18,400	20,300	28,200	28,000	27,400	150.1	150.3	149.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	188,000	187,300	183,700	512,500	513,000	507,900	70,700	69,500	70,800
Manufacturing	37,900	37,700	35,500	116,900	116,500	112,500	8,800	8,400	8,700
Mining	--	--	--	3,500	3,500	3,600	600	500	500
Construction	9,500	9,400	9,800	20,400	20,300	25,800	3,400	3,300	4,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,300	10,300	10,100	30,600	30,500	28,300	4,800	4,800	5,700
Trade	46,500	46,700	45,300	134,400	135,400	134,300	14,100	13,900	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,500	9,400	9,400	27,200	27,400	27,700	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	35,000	34,700	33,700	111,600	111,700	109,600	14,000	13,700	12,500
Government	39,300	39,100	39,900	67,900	67,700	66,100	20,900	20,800	20,900

still moderately below the February 1987 rate of 9.2 percent. Employment recorded a minimal increase in February, to total 7,492,500 at mid-month. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State also increased over the month, from 8.0 percent in January to 8.4 percent in February. The National rates in both series slid downward by 0.1 percentage point -- the actual from 6.3 percent to 6.2 percent and the seasonally adjusted from 5.8 percent to 5.7 percent in February.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS RISE SEASONALLY

The count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas rose by 26,100 over the month, totaling 6,519,200 in mid-February. Almost all of the increase was produced by seasonal influences, however, and was concentrated in the educational sectors of services and government. Government rose by 16,600 in February, as state and local schools and universities hired workers for the spring semester. A small downturn in federal government did little to diminish this growth, which was the largest within any major industry sector.

Similar staffing for private schools and colleges totaling 3,600 helped boost employment in services by 13,300 in February. An estimated 2,800 additional jobs were created in health services to assist during the flu and allergy season; and the approach of outdoor activities sponsored by civic and social groups generated 2,500 jobs. Other service sectors recorded smaller advances in February.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**
	HOUSTON 2/		
TOTAL	1,385.6	1,383.9	1,363.7
Manufacturing	149.1	148.6	142.5
Mining	62.9	62.9	62.6
Construction	79.7	79.0	85.7
Trans., Comm., & Util.	97.3	97.5	97.2
Trade	349.7	351.8	345.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.0	97.2	101.5
Services & Misc.	360.7	358.6	341.0
Government	189.2	188.3	187.5
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	65,000	64,600	63,500
Manufacturing	15,600	15,700	14,700
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,500
Construction	3,100	3,000	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	16,800	16,600	16,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	3,400
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,500	11,300
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400
	MIDLAND		
TOTAL	43,700	43,800	43,100
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	2,900
Mining	9,800	10,000	9,400
Construction	1,100	1,200	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,100	2,100
Trade	10,100	10,300	9,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,700
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,600	8,600
Government	6,600	6,300	6,300
	SAN ANTONIO		
TOTAL	501,800	500,400	498,700
Manufacturing	46,100	46,400	46,400
Mining	2,600	2,600	2,600
Construction	28,300	28,800	29,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	17,900	17,900	18,400
Trade	130,500	130,700	127,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,900	39,800	39,400
Services & Misc.	120,800	119,000	119,600
Government	115,700	115,200	115,300
	TYLER 3/		
TOTAL	60,800	60,700	60,300
Manufacturing	10,500	10,500	10,700
Mining	1,900	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trade	16,300	16,500	16,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,700	3,700
Services & Misc.	14,200	14,200	13,600
Government	9,200	9,000	9,100
	WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	50,100	50,000	49,200
Manufacturing	8,100	8,200	8,300
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,200	12,200	11,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,500	11,400
Government	9,700	9,600	9,500

Industry	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**
	KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	69,900	69,500	68,700
Manufacturing	8,000	7,900	8,300
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600
Trade	15,900	16,100	15,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	2,900	3,000
Services & Misc.	15,300	15,000	14,600
Government	21,400	21,400	20,500
	LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	91,500	90,800	90,300
Manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,200
Mining	400	400	400
Construction	3,100	3,100	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,000	5,000	4,900
Trade	27,100	27,000	26,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,200	5,300
Services & Misc.	21,600	21,500	21,100
Government	21,700	21,300	21,800
	ODESSA 3/		
TOTAL	43,300	43,500	41,200
Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,500
Mining	6,200	6,300	5,700
Construction	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,100	2,000
Trade	12,500	12,700	12,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,200	7,400	6,700
Government	7,800	7,600	7,600
	SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	38,000	37,700	36,900
Manufacturing	11,200	11,000	10,900
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	1,600	1,500	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trade	8,200	8,300	8,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	7,300
Government	4,300	4,300	5,200
	VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	27,700	27,500	26,700
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	2,800
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,600
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	7,900	7,900	7,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,500	1,500
Services & Misc.	5,900	5,800	5,500
Government	4,600	4,600	4,400

Industry	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**
	LAREDO		
TOTAL	36,100	36,100	34,500
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	1,700
Mining	2,000	2,100	1,700
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,700	4,600	4,200
Trade	10,300	10,300	10,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,000	6,000	5,700
Government	8,400	8,500	8,300
	MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	90,700	91,100	89,000
Manufacturing	11,900	12,600	12,400
Mining	900	900	800
Construction	3,800	3,900	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900
Trade	26,900	26,900	27,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,800	3,800	3,800
Services & Misc.	14,900	14,900	13,800
Government	25,800	25,400	24,200
	SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	36,600	36,500	36,400
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,500
Mining	400	400	300
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	9,600	9,500	9,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,800	7,800	7,400
Government	6,800	6,800	6,700
	TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	45,300	45,400	45,000
Manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,300
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	2,100	2,000	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trade	10,600	10,600	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,400	8,900
Government	12,300	12,400	12,600
	WACO		
TOTAL	78,000	77,400	77,200
Manufacturing	15,000	14,800	14,600
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300
Trade	19,000	18,900	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	20,100	19,900	19,700
Government	12,500	12,300	12,400

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
2/ In Thousands.
3/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Change From Jan. 1988	Change From Feb. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,519,200	6,493,100	6,442,000	26,100	77,200
Manufacturing	938,700	938,500	915,000	200	23,700
Durable Goods	540,000	537,900	520,400	2,100	19,600
Lumber & Wood Products	33,100	33,200	34,000	-100	-900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,600	6,500	6,700	100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,000	17,200	16,200	-200	800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	42,700	43,000	43,500	-300	-800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,600	18,600	19,600	0	-1,000
Primary Metal Industries	28,100	27,900	26,400	200	1,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	73,700	73,300	70,600	400	3,100
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	35,400	35,300	35,000	100	400
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,500	100,700	96,800	800	4,700
Oil Field Machinery	22,300	22,100	20,600	200	1,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,700	116,400	114,400	300	2,300
Transportation Equipment	92,400	91,800	84,600	600	7,800
Aircraft & Parts	53,000	53,000	50,300	0	2,700
Instruments & Related Products	21,700	21,500	21,100	200	600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,100	12,900	12,800	200	300
Nondurable Goods	398,700	400,600	394,600	-1,900	4,100
Food & Kindred Products	95,700	97,200	96,000	-1,500	-300
Meat Products	28,800	28,700	27,600	100	1,200
Dairy Products	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0
Bakery Products	10,100	10,100	10,200	0	-100
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,100	3,100	-100	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,500	54,500	51,300	0	3,200
Paper & Allied Products	25,200	25,000	23,400	200	1,800
Printing & Publishing	73,300	73,000	73,900	300	-600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	36,300	36,100	37,300	200	-1,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,100	72,800	73,800	300	-700
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,200	32,600	33,300	-1,400	-2,100
Petroleum Refining	27,900	29,300	30,000	-1,400	-2,100
Leather & Leather Products	7,900	7,700	6,800	200	1,100
Other Nondurable Goods	33,800	33,800	32,200	0	1,600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,580,500	5,554,600	5,527,000	25,900	53,500
Mining	181,600	182,600	179,800	-1,000	1,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,800	9,900	10,100	-100	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	171,800	172,700	169,700	-900	2,100
Construction	318,500	318,000	348,600	500	-30,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	384,100	385,200	377,900	-1,100	6,200
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	21,300	0	-500
Transportation, Except Railroads	203,400	204,400	194,300	-1,000	9,100
Transportation by Air	59,200	59,300	53,100	-100	6,100
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,400	84,100	85,600	300	-1,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,500	75,900	76,700	-400	-1,200
Electric Services	41,100	41,500	42,600	-400	-1,500
Gas Production & Distribution	27,100	27,100	26,900	0	200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,627,000	1,628,900	1,621,800	-1,900	5,200
Wholesale Trade	407,500	407,400	407,800	100	-300
Retail Trade	1,219,500	1,221,500	1,214,000	-2,000	5,500
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,100	44,000	44,200	100	-100
General Merchandise Stores	166,500	168,300	156,300	-1,800	10,200
Food Stores	226,100	224,500	225,100	1,600	1,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,700	131,800	133,300	-100	-1,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,800	79,300	83,200	-1,500	-5,400
Eating & Drinking Places	388,900	388,500	387,100	400	1,800
Other Retail Trade	184,400	185,100	184,800	-700	-400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	437,900	438,400	443,000	-500	-5,100
Banking	97,700	98,200	99,500	-500	-1,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	137,600	137,300	137,900	300	-300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	202,600	202,900	205,600	-300	-3,000
Services	1,457,100	1,443,800	1,401,800	13,300	55,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,900	80,300	82,200	1,600	-300
Personal Services	83,900	83,600	83,100	300	800
Business & Repair Services	403,200	403,700	384,500	-500	18,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,800	52,600	47,900	200	4,900
Health Services	394,600	391,800	377,400	2,800	17,200
Educational Services	78,200	74,600	75,400	3,600	2,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	362,500	357,200	351,300	5,300	11,200
Total Government	1,174,300	1,157,700	1,154,100	16,600	20,200
Total Federal Government	192,900	193,400	192,200	-500	700
Total State Government	243,500	234,600	234,500	8,900	9,000
Total Local Government	737,900	729,700	727,400	8,200	10,500

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,900	53,500	54,400	99,500	99,200	98,200	427,500	424,700	426,500
Total Unemployment	4,300	4,000	5,100	7,000	6,600	6,800	30,500	29,400	28,000
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.5	9.4	7.0	6.7	6.9	7.1	6.9	6.6
Total Employment 2/	49,600	49,500	49,300	92,500	92,600	91,400	397,000	395,300	398,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,800	158,100	163,200	81,000	80,300	79,400	97,400	97,100	93,800
Total Unemployment	20,500	19,100	21,600	8,000	7,700	8,400	16,100	16,300	14,800
Percent Unemployed	12.8	12.1	13.2	9.9	9.6	10.6	16.5	16.8	15.8
Total Employment 2/	139,300	139,000	141,600	73,000	72,600	71,000	81,300	80,800	79,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,800	53,600	56,600	161,200	159,400	161,100	1,444.5	1,439.5	1,422.1
Total Unemployment	3,100	2,900	3,500	18,800	17,600	21,200	96.7	91.6	89.1
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.4	6.2	11.7	11.0	13.2	6.7	6.4	6.3
Total Employment 2/	53,700	50,700	53,100	142,400	141,800	139,900	1,347.8	1,347.9	1,333.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	237,600	234,700	227,500	674,000	670,900	663,100	107,800	107,000	108,100
Total Unemployment	29,400	27,200	25,700	49,600	46,700	48,400	11,400	11,800	11,800
Percent Unemployed	12.4	11.6	11.3	7.4	7.0	7.3	10.6	11.0	10.9
Total Employment 2/	208,200	207,500	201,800	624,400	624,200	614,700	96,400	95,200	96,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,582.1	1,574.4	1,585.0	93,500	92,500	90,800	46,900	46,500	45,700
Total Unemployment	131.9	126.7	160.0	8,100	7,500	7,300	8,200	7,900	8,400
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.0	10.1	8.7	8.1	8.0	17.5	17.0	18.4
Total Employment 2/	1,450.2	1,447.7	1,425.0	85,400	85,000	83,500	38,700	38,600	37,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,100	78,200	78,700	112,400	111,300	110,700	152,700	152,700	148,600
Total Unemployment	8,600	8,100	9,300	7,200	6,700	7,200	30,900	30,200	30,000
Percent Unemployed	11.0	10.4	11.8	6.4	6.0	6.5	20.2	19.8	20.2
Total Employment 2/	69,500	70,100	69,400	105,200	104,600	103,500	121,800	122,500	118,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,400	48,700	50,100	53,700	53,400	55,400	45,000	44,600	45,200
Total Unemployment	3,900	3,700	5,400	4,900	4,600	8,400	2,900	2,700	3,100
Percent Unemployed	7.9	7.6	10.8	9.1	8.6	15.2	6.4	6.1	6.9
Total Employment 2/	45,500	45,000	44,700	48,800	48,800	47,000	42,100	41,900	42,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	613,000	607,900	599,400	49,900	49,400	48,100	58,500	58,100	57,300
Total Unemployment	54,800	50,400	48,500	4,000	3,800	4,000	5,300	4,900	5,300
Percent Unemployed	8.9	8.3	8.1	8.0	7.7	8.3	9.1	8.4	9.2
Total Employment 2/	558,200	557,500	550,900	45,900	45,600	44,100	53,200	53,200	52,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,500	75,400	77,700	36,500	36,500	36,800	93,300	92,500	91,300
Total Unemployment	6,700	6,300	8,100	3,100	3,000	3,900	8,100	8,200	7,200
Percent Unemployed	8.8	8.4	10.4	8.5	8.2	10.6	8.7	8.9	7.9
Total Employment 2/	69,800	69,100	69,600	33,400	33,500	32,900	85,200	84,300	84,100
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,600	57,200	56,700				8,210.2	8,161.7	8,136.2
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,400	5,000				717.7	682.5	750.3
Percent Unemployed	8.3	7.7	8.8				8.7	8.4	9.2
Total Employment 2/	52,800	52,800	51,700				7,492.5	7,479.2	7,385.9

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.± 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb.± 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb.± 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 407.47	$ 415.33	$ 400.31	41.2	41.7	41.1	$ 9.89	$ 9.96	$ 9.74
Durable Goods	404.89	411.31	394.54	41.4	41.8	41.4	9.78	9.84	9.53
Lumber & Wood Products	279.09	284.65	280.19	39.7	39.7	39.8	7.03	7.17	7.04
Furniture & Fixtures	239.78	232.84	254.06	38.0	36.9	40.2	6.31	6.31	6.32
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	377.94	385.14	389.62	41.9	42.0	43.1	9.02	9.17	9.04
Primary Metal Industries	446.42	451.96	426.63	41.8	42.2	41.3	10.68	10.71	10.33
Fabricated Metal Products	375.53	388.67	367.85	42.1	42.9	41.1	8.92	9.06	8.95
Machinery, exc. Electric	417.78	430.09	411.10	42.5	43.4	41.4	9.83	9.91	9.93
Oil Field Machinery	489.29	506.70	471.98	44.2	45.0	40.1	11.07	11.26	11.77
Electric & Electronic Equip.	433.76	419.63	431.53	40.5	39.7	42.1	10.71	10.57	10.25
Transportation Equipment	546.98	562.36	512.78	42.9	43.9	42.1	12.75	12.81	12.18
Instruments & Related Prod.	350.00	367.74	344.34	40.0	41.6	39.9	8.75	8.84	8.63
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	267.17	282.70	255.65	36.8	38.1	38.1	7.26	7.42	6.71
Nondurable Goods	409.82	420.58	406.59	40.9	41.6	40.7	10.02	10.11	9.99
Food & Kindred Products	337.00	354.90	332.77	40.7	42.3	39.9	8.28	8.39	8.34
Meat Products	247.95	262.67	247.23	39.8	41.3	36.9	6.23	6.36	6.70
Malt Beverages	786.32	797.90	768.96	44.4	44.7	44.5	17.71	17.85	17.28
Textile Mill Products	334.42	341.11	306.16	46.0	46.6	42.7	7.27	7.32	7.17
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	198.38	200.01	192.31	36.4	36.3	36.7	5.45	5.51	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	481.34	475.40	458.15	44.2	44.1	43.1	10.89	10.78	10.63
Printing & Publishing	386.61	374.19	382.93	38.7	38.3	39.6	9.99	9.77	9.67
Chemicals & Allied Products	650.80	678.18	637.51	43.3	44.5	42.7	15.03	15.24	14.93
Petroleum & Coal Products	654.84	678.04	657.47	42.8	44.0	43.0	15.30	15.41	15.29
Petroleum Refining	678.81	704.81	683.57	42.8	44.3	43.1	15.86	15.91	15.86
Leather & Leather Products	211.87	217.93	217.04	37.7	37.9	37.1	5.62	5.75	5.85
Other Nondurable Goods	388.06	396.86	385.28	44.4	45.2	44.8	8.74	8.78	8.60
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	494.10	487.62	481.03	40.6	40.5	40.8	12.17	12.04	11.79
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	541.12	550.69	521.43	44.5	45.7	45.5	12.16	12.05	11.46
Oil & Gas Extraction	490.45	482.80	477.53	40.3	40.1	40.4	12.17	12.04	11.82
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	489.35	491.09	477.50	39.4	39.7	39.3	12.42	12.37	12.15
Elec., Gas & San. Services	481.22	485.47	427.39	41.7	41.6	38.4	11.54	11.67	11.13
Wholesale & Retail Trade	226.63	227.84	223.55	32.1	32.0	31.8	7.06	7.12	7.03
Wholesale Trade	388.05	391.22	375.97	39.0	39.2	38.8	9.95	9.98	9.69
Retail Trade	176.71	177.61	176.71	29.9	29.8	29.6	5.91	5.96	5.97
General Merchandise Stores	168.91	171.45	178.48	26.6	27.0	27.5	6.35	6.35	6.49
Banking	271.22	271.22	263.86	38.2	38.2	36.8	7.10	7.10	7.17

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 401.23	$ 400.49	$ 397.03	40.9	40.7	41.4	$ 9.81	$ 9.84	$ 9.59
Durable Goods	421.48	424.97	424.74	41.0	41.1	41.6	10.28	10.34	10.21
Nondurable Goods	367.11	360.50	353.50	40.7	40.1	41.2	9.02	8.99	8.58
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	439.67	450.05	396.88	40.3	41.1	41.0	10.91	10.95	9.68
Durable Goods	462.92	476.10	414.24	40.5	41.4	41.3	11.43	11.50	10.03
Nondurable Goods	364.72	368.34	353.10	39.6	40.3	40.4	9.21	9.14	8.74
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	481.86	492.06	484.78	43.1	43.7	43.4	11.18	11.26	11.17
Durable Goods	413.52	419.08	412.90	43.3	43.7	43.1	9.55	9.59	9.58
Nondurable Goods	562.44	576.85	561.57	43.0	43.8	43.6	13.08	13.17	12.88
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	302.35	296.35	316.47	40.1	39.2	41.1	7.54	7.56	7.70
Durable Goods	329.62	318.79	353.22	41.1	39.7	40.6	8.02	8.03	8.70
Nondurable Goods	274.17	275.09	279.97	39.0	38.8	41.6	7.03	7.09	6.73

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Aside from a minimal gain in manufacturing, the increases in government and services were the only large ones recorded in February. The addition of 500 jobs in construction was its largest gain since July 1987; but this industry has lost over 100,000 jobs in the past two years.

The largest of the downturns occurred in the retail portion of trade, where 1,900 jobs were eliminated, primarily in general merchandise stores and in apparel and accessory stores. The only sizeable gain in trade was in food stores, which gained 1,600 positions. A general decline in transportation, except railroads, combined with a smaller loss in utilities, pushed employment in transportation and public utilities down by 1,100 jobs in February.

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Employment in oil and gas extraction continued its downward slide, pulling mining down by 1,000 over the month. Small losses in banking and in real estate overcame a minor gain in the insurance sector, leaving finance, insurance and real estate 500 jobs below its January level. Within manufacturing, a moderate increase of 2,100 in the durable goods sector was almost completely nullified by a sizeable downturn within nondurable goods.

Small gains and losses were common within durable goods, with the largest growth occurring in nonelectrical machinery, which added 800 jobs. An additional 600 positions were created in transportation equipment; while fabricated metal industries increased by 400, and electric and electronic equipment gained 300 jobs. The only declines in durable goods were in construction- or real estate-related sectors, such as stone, clay and glass products, furniture and fixtures, and lumber and wood products, and none of these was notable.

Two large decreases in the nondurable goods sector pushed employment down by 1,900 in February. The largest drop was in food and kindred products, which lost 1,500 jobs as preserved fruits and vegetables declined seasonally. A labor-management dispute within petroleum refining idled 1,400 workers in February. Minor gains elsewhere did little to offset these large losses.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DECLINE IN FEBRUARY

There were 606,800 manufacturing production workers in Texas in mid-February, down 1,100 from the March estimate. The average worker in February was working a 41.2-hour week at $9.89 per hour, and averaging $407.47 per week. Average weekly hours declined by half an hour over the month, while average hourly earnings dropped by 7¢, pushing weekly earnings down by $7.86.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987
Total Population	16,929,000	16,773,000
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.0	2.8
UI Covered Employers	313,962	313,463
Total Claims Actions	609,699	822,415
Total Initial Claims Actions	68,047	81,566
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	541,652	740,849
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	152.44	156.63
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	69,316,268	101,826,124
Total Placements	24,611	21,688

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